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§9–706.

- (a) The Commission shall excuse a failure to comply with the notice requirement of § 9-704 or § 9-705 of this subtitle if the Commission finds that:
 - (1) there was a sufficient reason for the failure to comply; or
- (2) the employer or its insurer has not been prejudiced by the failure to comply.
- (b) The employer or its insurer has the burden of proving that it has been prejudiced by the failure to comply with the notice requirement.
- (c) In the case of an occupational disease, the defense of failure to comply with the notice requirement is waived unless raised at a hearing on the claim before any award or decision is made.

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